Road-bridge over Brahmaputra

745. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a road-bridge over Brahmaputra river in Assam to connect Sadiya with other parts of Assam considering its importance being a border town with sub-divisional headquarter of Assam Government;

(b) whether the proposed construction of road-bridge over Brahmaputra river adjacent to Saraighat bridge at Guwahati would be completed on time; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The work is targeted for completion by April 2010.

Ban on diesel cars in capital

746. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has taken necessary action on the recommendations of the Environment Pollution Control Authority to ban diesel cars in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind it; and

(c) the details of reaction of public in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir. Under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the Government has no mandate to ban motor vehicles plying on any specific fuel.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

UFO hitting Romanian Jet Plane

747. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a UFO hit Romanian Jet Plane some time back and UFOs have also been sighted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any research or scientific study has been carried out by our scientists in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) does not have any information either on a UFO hitting a Romanian Jet Plane, or on sighting of UFOs.